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REF: NEGROPONTE-JOHNSTONE APRIL 5 SECURE TELECON

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT

2. This is to confirm Johnstone/Negroponte telecon because

~~REASON~~ connection was rather poor.

3. I am concerned

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Keep this
also be
sure Ray
doesn't
show others
in Pol.
Thanks.
TDW*

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GOH would take change as unmistakable signal and adapt their policies accordingly. Sandinistas would conclude that their revolution is secure and their platform for subversion is immune from harm; and it would be green light for Sandinistas to intensify pressure on El Salvador.

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4. All of these doubts arise at a time when objective circumstances would actually appear to be improving.

The Sandinistas have egg on their face from Pope's visit.

And, perhaps more important, the FDN has gained substantial public credibility as being a responsible, representative group and not just a bunch of Somocistas. Lastly, Eden Pastora seems to be jumping into the fray, a welcome development. Thus, conditions in fact appear more hopeful than they have for some time.

5. There are some specific steps which I believe could help strengthen our case with the Congress and public generally.

6. First, the southern front concept should be pressed hard. This would have double beneficial effect of creating added pressure on Managua and diluting impression that all of this is emanating from Honduras. In other words, it would reduce Nicaraguan pretext for any kind of punitive action against Honduras.

7. Second, we should consider raising profile of our contacts with anti-Sandinistas. Adolfo Calero, one of the most respected and respectable members of FDN political directorate is in Washington right now. I hope he can

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[be received at suitable high level in Department with appropriate publicity. Follow that up with receiving Pastora in Washington, and that would create a positive sensation around here.

8. Third, with the Congressional intelligence oversight committees at least, there is much which can be done to set the record straight

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9. Fourth, and perhaps even more effective with the oversight committees, would be to encourage more of them to visit [] That went very well indeed with Senator Leahy and the Senate Intelligence Committee staff. We should encourage others to do it also.

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10. If there are any ways in which we can be helpful in providing backup, argumentation, talking points, etc.

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11. Meanwhile, would appreciate status report []
 [] and any reactions Department may have to
 foregoing suggestions.

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12. Please pass to ARA Enders and appropriate seventh
 floor officials. Also, please pass DCI.

JMN
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